



The official "glamour" photograph of JCY April Starbuck-ET, the spring yearling owned by Amy Trimmer that helped Trimmer fulfill her teenage dream of showing a winner at the World Dairy Expo.

Prior to sending her away to Em-Tran reproductive facility for calving, Amy Trimmer stands with her World Dairy Expo class-winning heifer at the family farm.

Her Dream Came True

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Mixed with nervousness about the upcoming show and the long trip was disappointment that her grandparents would be missing from the sidelines of her first major show. Neither would the Youngs, who had also watched April mature on the show circuit, be able to attend the Expo.

After arriving in Madison and finding April comfortably settled in the barn, Amy took the advice of several show professionals to observe the show process, see how it was done — and then get a good night's sleep.

"It was a big ring and lot of people, but it really wasn't that bad,"

Amy remembers of the show that more or less passed in a blue of excitement that next day. "April didn't behave real well in the ring. She side-stepped from all the people and was very alert, like she wanted to see everything that was going on.

"It seemed like judging took forever," remembers Amy of the thoroughness of judges Brian Garrison, Ohio, and Dennis Patrick, Maryland, in assessing the nearly 40 head in the Expo's spring yearling class. "April was the second one pulled out, so then we stood there and waited.

My heart stopped when they finally motioned me to lead off. And everyone clapped. "Those are

two of the memories that stand out for Amy about the monumental experience of a dream coming true at age 17.

Around Amy's neck was placed, Olympics style, a blue ribbon with a medallion.

Though Amy didn't know it at the time, the dream was not yet over.

April was returned to the barns and Amy finally relaxed while the remaining heifer classes were exhibited.

Then, she and April re-entered the arena for the heifer championship, the only junior division animal to be included among open-

class contenders for the junior honors. April finished as the junior division junior champion and earned a third-place honorable mention in the open class runoff.

Then it was time to share the dream, with calls home to their family and to the Young family. Finally, still in near-shock, Amy, Shirley and a host of friends and supporters went to dinner together, then hosted a celebratory party in the barns.

"I was back home until it all really hit me" says Amy. She relives her dream periodically with a video of the event that Shirley

taped, along with videotapes of classes and winners put out by the Expo. The Trimmer kitchen and dining area overflows with show memorabilia, many of them April's winnings, from the director-style chair and thermal cooler to the prized Expo ribbon.

"When Amy leaves home, we'll have to redecorate," teases Larry Trimmer of their daughters' bounty of cattle show awards. One item of memorabilia not on display, though, is the purple shirt.

Purple is a favorite color of Amy's and she wanted to wear

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